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Dear Co-Chair Winfield, Co-Chair Stafstrom, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Blumenthal, Ranking Member Kissel, Ranking Member Fishbein, and all members of the Judiciary Committee:

Last week on Ninth Ave and 51st Street, two blocks from a building of mine in Manhattan, three men, at a very popular restaurant, beat up an off duty policeman and stole his gun. I have been in that area for 40 plus years and have never heard of such a thing. That gun is registered and is now in the hands of criminals. That gun will undoubtedly be used by non law abiding citizens to commit crimes. New gun laws (whatever that is) can be written until the cows come home and you will not stop the illegal/criminal use of guns — not until our written laws are observed (minus ridiculous bail reform), the police are allowed to do their job, the borders are closed so that gun, drug, and human trafficking are stopped and until there are actual consequences for criminal behavior. Guns do not kill people - people kill people. People who are not afraid to do harm because of lack of consequence, use guns illegally. We have also become a society that sensationalizes bad behavior giving notoriety to those who commit heinous crimes. Law abiding citizens with guns are NOT the problem. Criminals with guns are the problem and no matter what laws are concocted, criminals will find a way to obtain a gun and do harm with it! According to the Second Amendment every citizen has the right to bear arms. Do background checks. Fine. Government exists to protect its citizens. If government will not fulfill that duty, citizens must have the right to protect themselves. Follow the law. We have police, courts, and jails for a reason.

Reject Senate bill 16. Oppose HB No 5416

Very sincerely yours,
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